

secure confinement facility in Omaha, and adding another 190 beds in Seward, and adding beds and beds, when we have a need for beds, that isn't going to do it. Again I think we're going to...off half-cocked in some areas by adding nothing but beds when we need a real good, honest-to-goodness study about what we're going to do. Again we haven't looked at alternative sentencing. Maybe this facility could be used for that too. Or, when Senator Engel mentioned a community correction center, then people...a lot of them do go out and get jobs and pay their own way while they're there. Community corrections does a good job. That is not a lock-up. The ones that are more violent are back in the more lock-up places. They can lock it up, but not as secure as the ones at the regular prisons. All them people go out and work, whether they work in the Corralvick State Industries or they work in private jobs.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: They have two different alternatives in that area. So there's lots of things that we've got to look at here, and if we're just looking at...if we're looking at a business deal, and this looks like a good deal, okay, but let's...let's make a business deal, but let's not just say all we're going to do is get another 190 beds. Let's take a look at the other programs and things we...we need to take a look, and most of the people in here I know agree that if all we're going to do is keep these people for three years, and I mean three years is, for a lot of the crimes that are committed is fine, but we do nothing with them, all we've done is send them out just as bad if not worse than what they were when they came in. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to read something to you all from the "holly bibbie" and now I wasn't there and I don't know this to be true, but these words are attributed to a man called Jesus. "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Suffer the little children to come under me and forbid them not." Not...it's not saying, let the little children come unto me and make them suffer. I want us to alleviate some of the suffering of our children. I have to be honest, sister...sister...excuse me, Senator Crosby...that's a term of...